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News you can use

Watson Blvd. at 247 closed Sunday, Monday, Tuesday

Norfolk Southern Railroad officials have advised Georgia Department of Transportation that they have scheduled routine upgrades to rail line crossings in Houston County. Following is a list of the scheduled work and the closures that will be required:
■ **Watson Boulevard at Ga. 247**

Sunday: 9 a.m. until 5 p.m. for removal of timbers

Monday: 9 a.m. until 7 p.m. for placement of concrete panels

Tuesday: 9 a.m. until 7 p.m. for upgrade the spur track

■ **Ga. 96 at Ga. 247**

Thursday: 9 a.m. until 5 p.m. for removal of timbers

■ **Ga. 127 at Ga. 247**

March 29: 9 a.m. until 7 p.m. for removal of timbers

March 30: 9 a.m. until 7 p.m. for placement of concrete panels

■ **Ga. 96 at Ga. 247**

April 3: 9 a.m. until 5 p.m. for placement of concrete panels

■ **Ga. 247 Spur** (south of Ga. 247)

April 5: 9 a.m. until 5 p.m. for removal of timbers

April 6: 9 a.m. until 7 p.m. for placement of concrete panels

During these closures, signed detours will be in place.

Motorists who usually travel these routes are encouraged to either plan an alternate route or allow additional time for the trip.

— From staff reports

Base Easter egg hunt set for March 26

There will be a base community Easter egg hunt March 26, 11:30 a.m.-12:45 p.m., at the Robins Elementary School playgrounds. The event will be hosted by the Base Chapel and Airman Committed to Excellence. Ages 12 and under are welcome to participate in the hunt. Everyone is invited to come out for free food, fun and activities.

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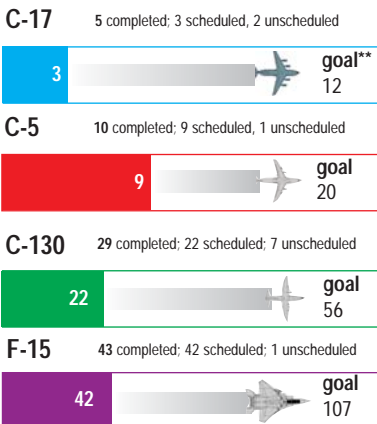
Tattoo Ceremony casting call coming soon

The 2005 Tattoo Ceremony committee is looking for actors for roles in this year's April 26 ceremony. Volunteers are also needed to help with the ceremony. If you'd like to volunteer or try out for an acting role, contact Master Sgt. Matt Ogle at 327-7348 or matthew.ogle@robins.af.mil.

— From staff reports

Aircraft Maintenance Output

The information below reflects Robins' progress toward maintenance goals for fiscal 2005 as of March 15.



**Goal is for scheduled maintenance on-time delivery only; unscheduled aircraft don't count toward fiscal year goals.

Source: Doug Clark Jr., depot maintenance workload analyst, 402nd Maintenance Wing
U.S. Air Force graphic by Angela Trunzo

Robins
3-day
forecast
Courtesy of 78th
OSS/OSW

Today
Cloudy to partly
cloudy



60/40

Saturday
Sunny to partly
cloudy



66/42

Sunday
Sunny to partly
cloudy



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LAW & ORDER



U.S. Air Force photo by Sue Sapp

Mark Henderson, 78th Security Forces Investigations Office chief of security investigations, and Dee Dial, 78th Air Base Wing chief of civilian misconduct, stand in the Robins courtroom.

Duo works hard to enforce laws, prosecute criminal suspects

By Lanorris Askew

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Dee Dial and Mark Henderson may not have the most familiar faces on base, but if you commit a crime at Robins theirs are faces you're not likely to forget.

The 78th Air Base Wing's chief of civilian misconduct and the 78th Security Forces Investigations Office's chief of security investigations make sure that if you do the crime you will do the time.

As the chief of civilian misconduct, Ms. Dial's job is to prosecute civilian employees suspected of crimes in federal district court – a job she takes very seriously.

With a 97 percent conviction rate, it would be easy to boast about her prowess in the courtroom, but it's not the record that makes her feel worthwhile.

"I feel that in a small way I'm making a difference," she said. "I have an opportunity to stand for the victim when no one else is willing."

That same willingness is what makes Mr. Henderson love coming to work every day.

"I like that I get to be the caring representative of the victims," he

said. "I love every aspect of the job. I even like the late nights and the hazards."

The chief of security investigations has been doing this type of work for 26 years and said if he won the lottery tomorrow he'd still do it – for free.

While the two love their individual roles in law and order here, it takes a united front to get the job done.

"A lot of people think that the investigators and the cops are just out doing their own thing, and after they've wrapped everything up and tied it in a neat bow, they turn it over to the prosecutor," said Mr. Henderson. "That's not the case. We work very closely with the prosecutor from the very beginning."

He said they ask questions and make sure they understand each other's needs.

"It doesn't do me a bit of good to get a confession if I know that confession won't be admissible when it gets to court," he said. "Dealing closely with the prosecutor, we know what each other needs and expects. And, that makes us better at what we do."

Although some people may have

the impression that the fence around the installation is a kind of crime deterrent device, the sheer number of cases the two offices handle speaks differently.

"Robins is much safer than anywhere else in Georgia, but when you have at any one time during the day 20,000 to 25,000 people on this base – all with different issues and problems – you are going to have crime," Ms. Dial said. "These aren't the crime ridden streets of Robins by any means, but we're normal people who have normal responses which sometimes include crime or violence. People lose control and can't contain their urges."

When those urges strike, which is sometimes at odd hours, often the first person called is Ms. Dial.

"The law enforcement desk has my cell, home and office numbers," she said. "So, twenty-four-seven if they have a question about a civilian they call me."

Those calls could involve giving legal advice on how to handle an issue or even the appropriate charging. And if you think committing a crime on base will get you a slap on

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Robins signs \$457.7M contract

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Robins signed a contract with Honeywell International Defense and Space Electronic Systems Inc. Tuesday that will ultimately change government and contract support of aircraft test equipment.

The estimated \$457.7 million corporate basic ordering agreement between the Air Force and the Albuquerque, N.M.-based company supports sole-source test equipment for military aircraft, including the F-15, C-130 and B-52.

Tammy Parkerson, contracting officer for the 542nd Combat Sustainment Wing's Support Equipment Commodity Council, and Pat Haar, director of contracts for Honeywell, signed the single-source contract which is the first to fall under Air Force Materiel Command's

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New wing structure

78th ABW will continue to support Team Robins

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For Warner Robins Air Logistics Center directorates, a team identity has always been present. But without a unifying theme – wings – they weren't always recognized by the rest of the Air Force. The 78th Air Base Wing has been the ALC exception.

"Our wing identifier doesn't tell everything about us, but it does point the way to who we are," said Col. Greg F. Patterson, wing commander. "Through the years, the men and women of the wing have established themselves as exceptional on two fronts – at-home missions and deployment missions. We stake our reputation on how well we perform both, and Air Force organizations outside of Air Force Materiel Command have recognized that."

The reorganization that transformed the ALC

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AFGHAN GENERALS PRAISE CONTRIBUTIONS OF AIRMAN

By Chrissy Zdrakas

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In a show of appreciation for a Robins Airman, Afghan National Army officers – two generals and two colonels – paid tribute to him March 10 for helping establish a computer network system for the Afghan military.

Senior Airman Jason E. Lindgren, a 78th Communications Squadron computer networking specialist, forged a close working relationship with the two generals, Brigadier Generals Mehrab



U.S. Air Force photo by Sue Sapp

Senior Airman Jason E. Lindgren, left, accepts a gift of appreciation from Brig. Gen. Baba Mirza, an Afghan National Army officer, for helping establish a computer network system.

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Sergeant
Gilmore



Sergeant
Rodriguez



Sergeant
Williams

Fourteen people from the 653rd CLSS and F-15 SPO helped repair a damaged F-15 Eagle.

653rd CLSS answers another call of duty

By Lanorris Askew

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When the 653rd Combat Logistics Support Squadron received a Mayday from Elmendorf Air Force Base, Alaska, the Robins unit, known for its expertise in aircraft repair, and members of

the F-15 System Program Office quickly responded.

According to Master Sgt. Rodney Gilmore, depot field team chief, the patient in need was an F-15 Eagle which sustained severe damage during a midair collision

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Purchasing and Supply Chain Management initiative. Ms. Parkerson said the nine-year contract is expected to have a significant long-term impact on sustainment support of the Air Force’s avionics test equipment.

“We look at this as a total integrated sustainment program that would allow us to increase and improve our sustainment of these testers,” she said. “The contract

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directorates into wings March 4 had little impact on the 78th, which has been up and running, although under different names, for decades. The wing had already undergone reorganization last year, adding comptroller and contracting squadrons, an environmental management division, and wing staff agencies like staff judge advocate and public affairs. Its name did not change.

“The additions represented a broadening within an overall scope of responsibility we’ve had

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Ali and Baba Mirza, during his more than four months in Afghanistan. With the generals were Colonels Abdullah Khan and Said Farooq, from the Afghan National Army, two interpreters and two escorts from the Office of Military Cooperation. The brief stop at Robins was sandwiched between visits to MacDill Air Force Base, Fla., and Fort Gordon, Ga. While here, the group stopped at the 5th Combat Communications Group.

Airman Lindgren said because of the nature of his job, “every time we went to their office, we would poke our heads in and say ‘hi.’ They (the generals) would sit us down in chairs and call for tea, nuts and berries.”

will result in improvements in turn-around time, long-term cost savings, and long-term reliability.”

Jack Blair, 542nd CSW director, said the contract is paving a new avenue for support of the war fighter.

“This is the first step in a long journey of the Air Force transforming how we do supply chain management,” he said. “We’re moving from a tactical approach to a strategic approach and this is the first contract that is a part of that transformation. This contract will replace five existing contracts,

for years,” Colonel Patterson said. “I’m excited about who we are and the work we do.”

“I believe the stand-up of the three other ALC wings last week gives us a great potential to continue doing world-class work under a banner everybody in the Air Force—everybody in the DoD—understands,” he said. “We are living a great heritage here, and I’m proud to be part of it.”

An important, but perhaps less visible, change occurring last year was the broadening of the role of the air base wing commander. Wing commanders at air logistics centers became installation commanders, a move that gave ALC

and therefore will provide greater administrative efficiencies. This approach is what we’re looking for when providing better support to the war fighter.”

Michael Underwood, director of Air Force programs, Washington D.C., for Honeywell, agreed.

“I think this is the start of a great relationship - and the leadership at the (Center) has been instrumental in forging this new relationship,” he said. “For the first time, we’re coming together in a collaborative environment, and

commanders more time to focus on acquisition, sustainment and test and evaluation missions.

The wing’s more than 3,000 men and women provide base operating support – physical, military and community operations, and business infrastructure processes – for the base and its hosted units. The wing is responsible for logistics readiness, medical, civil engineer, security, comptroller activities, contracting, morale and welfare, mission support, public affairs, legal, civilian personnel and environmental management for the base.

“This wing is busier now than it has ever been,” said Colonel

we’re sharing a common goal of providing better support to the war fighter.”

Patsy Reeves, Center Contracting director, said the contract will have a great impact in the future.

“This is a combination of a whole lot of effort, a lot of envisioning by folks strategically looking at the purchases we make and figuring out better ways to do that,” she said. “This is going to be a good model for future duplication of this activity with other contractors.”

Patterson. “Our primary mission is to provide trained, ready forces to support the global war on terrorism – we’re doing that and doing it well.

“I’ve talked to the commanders in the field we are supporting and they have nothing but accolades for the professionals we’re sending them,” he said. “Our deployment taskings have been heavy and will continue to be in the future. In addition to this primary tasking, we’ll continue to support Team Robins here at home. Our folks are proud of what they do here and around the world. And we’re proud of them, too.”

most is that we will leave.”

He said he learned through interpreters that “upwards of 90 percent of the people want us there.”

“Everywhere we went, kids gave us thumbs up and people would smile,” he said. “Some would approach and say ‘thank you’ and shake your hand.”

With the help of his mother and others in the United States, Airman Lindgren was able to obtain school supplies and toys, which he and others gave to elementary schools. Personal care items sent from home went to teachers for distribution.

“I fully realize it was a one-in-a-million assignment,” he said. “This is by far the most fulfilling assignment I’ve had yet or will have in the foreseeable future. And I would do it all again in a heartbeat.”

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while performing close air maneuvers over the Sea of Japan.

Luckily the crews were unhurt and able to return the aircraft, both F-15s, to their originating point of Kadena Air Base, Japan.

The F-15 section chief said the two aircraft were supporting an Elmendorf Air Expeditionary Forces commitment in November when the accident occurred.

“As soon as the investigation board cleared the case, we shipped all of our tooling so it would be in place when we arrived,” he said. “We then deployed a 14-member depot field team to the base.”

The team, composed of both military and civilian personnel, arrived at Kadena Jan. 17.

“Since it was a holiday we didn’t start work until the following day,” said Sergeant Gilmore.

For the next nine days the team disassembled the aircraft. They removed both wings, both horizontal and vertical stabilizers and the canopy. They also ensured that all of the egress system’s pyrotechnics were removed, boxed the avionics for shipping and placed larger items and the fuselage into fixtures to be later placed on to a C-5 for transport.

Once the disassembly was complete, half the team returned to Robins while the remainder waited for airlift.

“Because of higher priority matters like the tsunami relief efforts, we had to wait two weeks on transport,” said Sergeant Gilmore.

The aircraft arrived here Feb. 20, and the repair process began March 4. Sergeant Gilmore estimates that the repair - which will include replacing the skin and a major wire harness as well as

What to know

While both F-15s were damaged in the collision, the second aircraft's damage was less severe. The Korean depot field team in Kim Hey, Korea, a contract field base, replaced its two damaged vertical stabilizers and the aircraft returned to flying status.

other structural repair – should take between six and seven months to complete.

“We will work around the clock to get it out so it can return to its war fighting mission,” said the soon-to-retire Sergeant.

He said the trip was a rewarding experience and he’s glad he was able to teach his younger personnel something new.

“I am passing on the legacy and the experience,” he said.

The team is glad too.

Tech. Sgt. Erick Rodriguez, a 653rd aircraft fuels system mechanic said this was his first deployment of this sort and he was happy to get the experience.

“It felt good to get out and turn some wrenches again,” said Sergeant Rodriguez who is currently working in the squadron’s quality assurance office. “It was interesting.”

The sergeant, whose job was to disconnect the fuel lines and make sure the aircraft was safe for transport, said he now feels better prepared for future deployments of this kind.

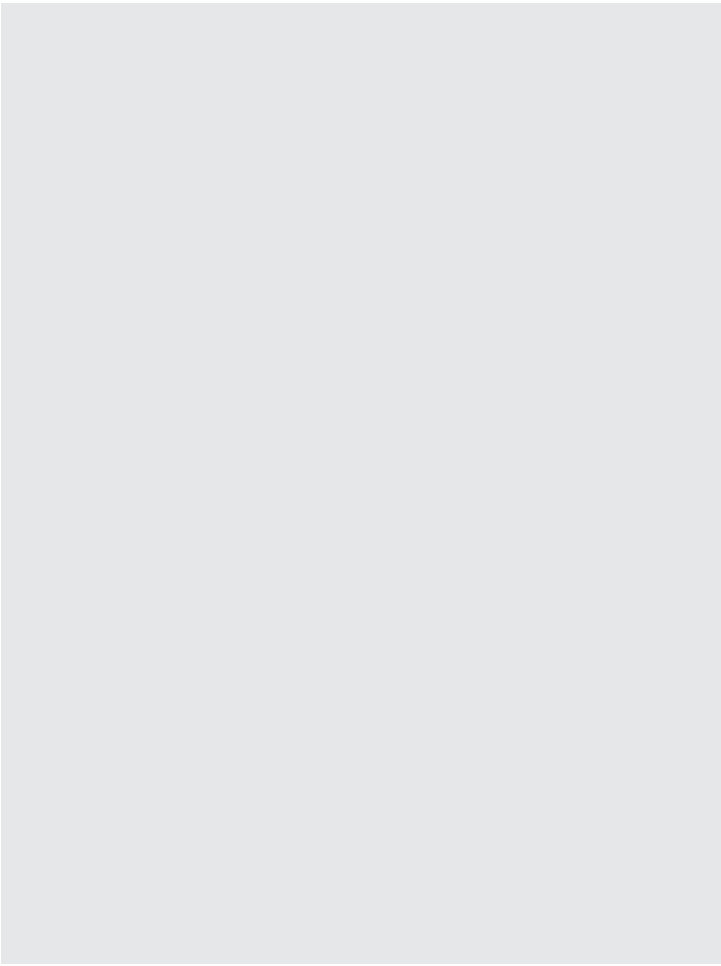
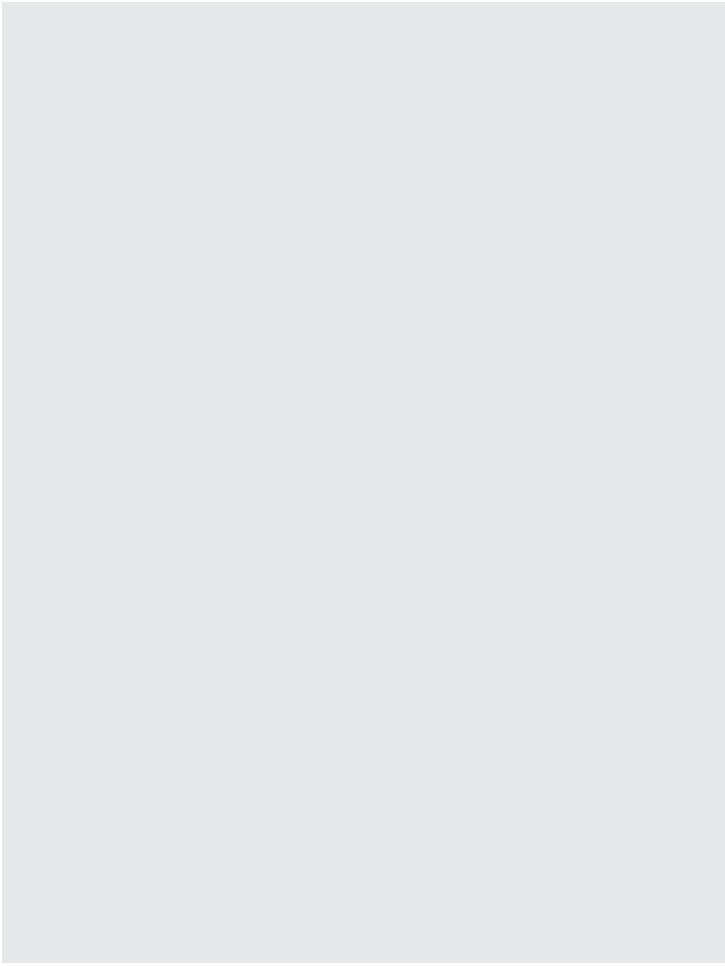
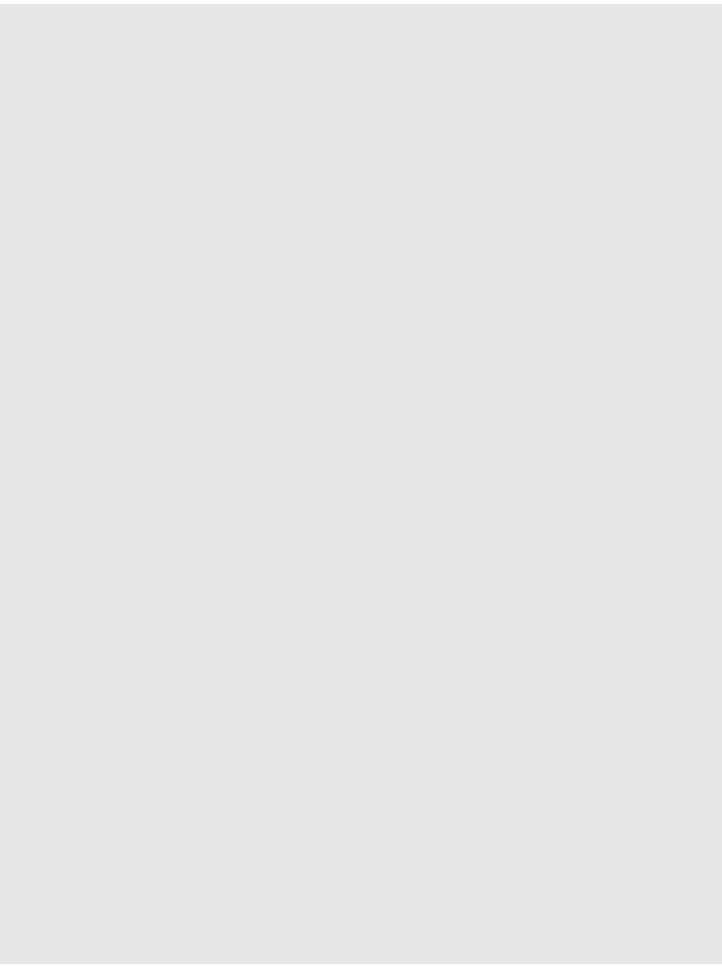
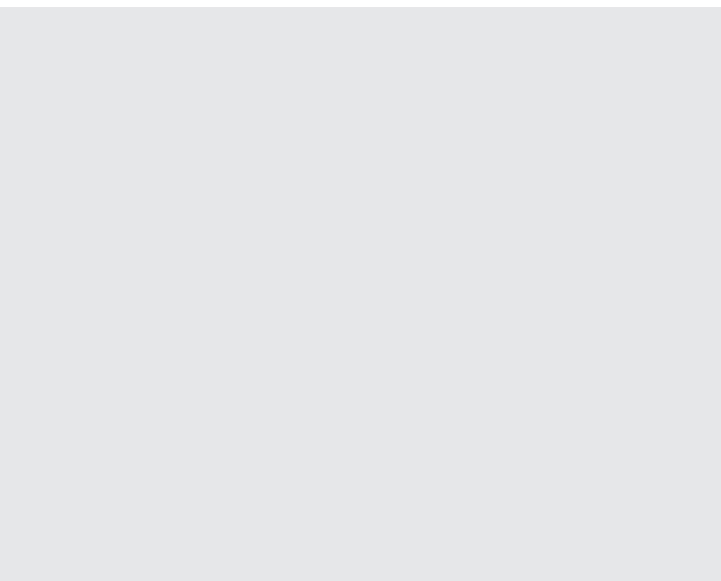
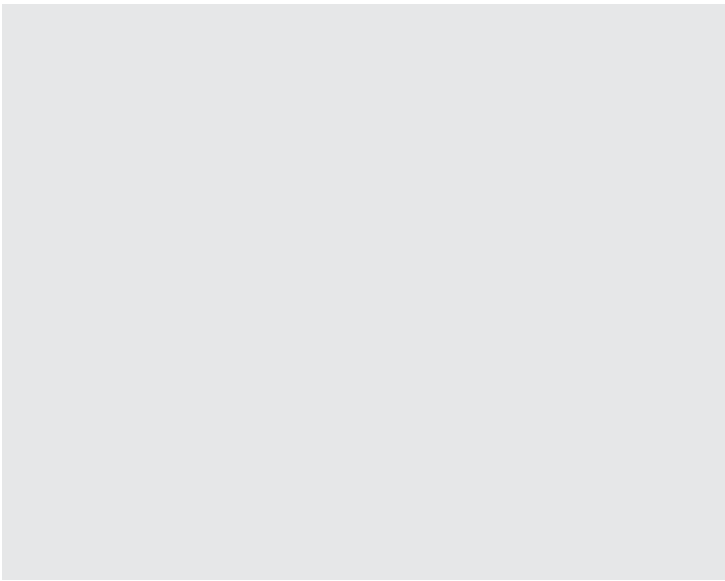
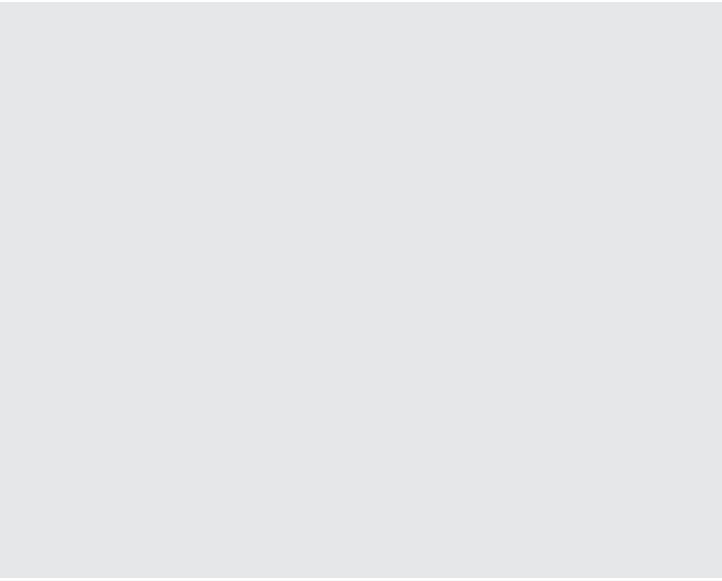
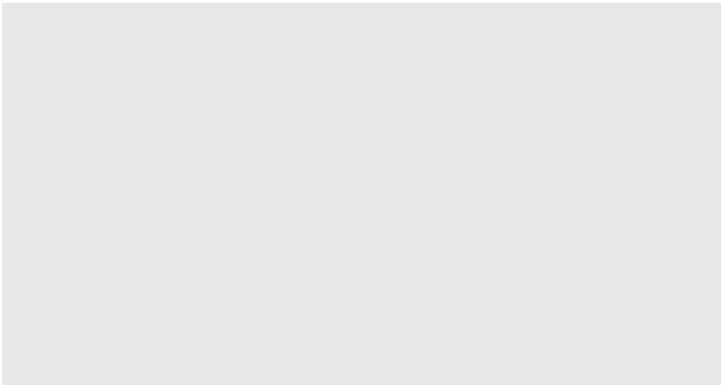
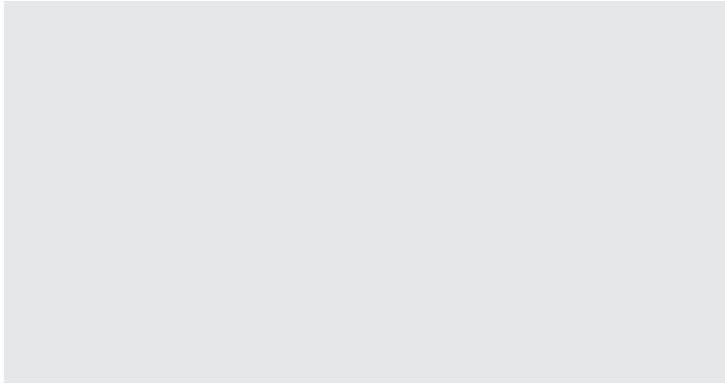
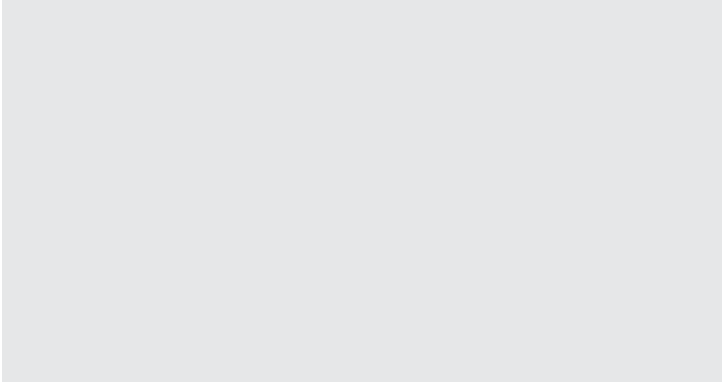
Tech. Sgt. Kenneth Williams agreed.

“I was there to help prepare the aircraft for shipment,” he said. “That job included packing and crating and certifying the aircraft against hazards. I felt good about it because I knew the aircraft was coming back here to the depot to get repaired and eventually it’s going back out to be used again.”

Both said they have done tear downs before, but never prepared one for transport via aircraft.

CORRECTION

In last week’s Rev-Up the AFI in the story “Professionalism a way of life for Airmen” was misidentified. It should have read AFI 36-2618. The Rev-Up regrets the error.



Fire Department officials provide fire extinguisher tips

Base Fire Department

Over the years a number of myths have sprung up concerning fire extinguishers. One myth is that the more fire extinguishers you have, the better protected you are. Not so, fire extinguishers are distributed based on a formula that takes into account the hazard present and the size of the area to be protected.

Remember, fire extinguishers are for “first aid” firefighting only, if you cannot put a fire out with one extinguisher, you are not likely to put the fire out with two. Evacuate the facility immediately, leave by the closest exit and remember to pull the fire alarm pull station to alert other personnel in the facility to evac-

uate. Once outside, call 911.

Another myth is, some people think of a fire extinguisher as a sort of lucky charm. If they are worried about a particular hazard, they think a fire extinguisher is needed right next to the cabinet. Placing a fire extinguisher next to a hazardous area or operation will not prevent a fire.

Ideally, fire extinguishers should be placed away from a hazardous location. Then in case of a fire, the extinguisher can be put to use from a place of safety. This way, you can take advantage of the distance discharge range of most fire extinguishers. Remember safety at all times, using an extinguisher up close can sometimes spread the fire and may worsen the situation.

One should take a few min-

utes to read the instructions located on the front of the fire extinguisher. Fire extinguishers require little maintenance, however; it’s everyone’s responsibility to ensure that the extinguisher is located in the area that was designated and to make sure that the pressure gauge is in the green.

■Facility managers are responsible for the monthly fire extinguisher inspections:

■Facility managers must ensure that employees are properly trained in fire prevention practices, fire and emergency reporting, and extinguisher use upon initial hire and annually thereafter. Ref; OSHA 1910.157

■Use the monthly fire inspection checklist found as Attachment 2, of RAFBI 32-

2001 as the minimum monthly fire safety check.

■Keep a monthly extinguisher inspection and documentation record of each extinguisher you’re responsible for by elec-

tronic or hard copy means for inspector’s to review.

■Annual upkeep involves a weight check and service tag indicating the date it was accomplished. Bring your extinguish-

ers to Building 378 yearly for maintenance. Ref; RAFBI 32-2001, chapter 3.3.

If you have any questions, contact the base fire prevention branch at 926-2145.

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the wrist – think again.

“The reality is that generally punishment on base, if you’re caught, is substantially harsher than the state system,” she said. “Unlike the state of Georgia we don’t have a shortage of beds. So the shortage of facilities is never an issue with your sentence.”

The average first time shoplifter at Robins receives 48 hours in jail, 12 months probation and a \$350 fine. In Houston County the first time offender gets pretrial diversion which means that if you’re good for a certain amount of time you don’t get a criminal record or serve any jail time.

But, to prosecute a criminal you first have to catch him or her, and that’s where Mr. Henderson’s office comes in.

The 78th Security Forces Investigations Office investigates all allegations of criminal offenses at Robins, but when the case calls for it, they will take to the highway.

“The mission of investigation on base is a misnomer because investigations can go off base when we’re looking for evidence or suspects,” said Mr. Henderson.

“Many people don’t think that SFOSI has that diverse a role. They think that the Air Force Office of Special Investigations is the only office that handles criminal cases, but in this office we receive about 500 complaints of crime a year.”

The investigators handle thefts, burglaries, time card fraud and many other crimes.

“We work the gamut of criminal complaints,” he said.

Whether it’s a robbery at the Base Restaurant, a fleeing suspect on a roof or a thief at the Base Exchange, the investigators are always hopping.

“I like the fact that it’s never the same” said Mr. Henderson. “Most jobs you know what you’re going to do. I can’t tell you what I’ll be doing in five minutes. My pager could go off and put me in the middle of something that will take all night to handle.”

Former employee guilty of compensation fraud

There is an active investigative program at Robins dedicated to preventing and uncovering fraudulent activities that would cost Robins hundreds of thousands of dollars annually.

And it works.

A former Robin's employee was prosecuted and convicted by the United States Attorney's Office, Southern District of Georgia, Sept. 24 of felony fraud in violation of Title 18, United States Code, Section 1920, "False statement or fraud to obtain Federal employees' compensation".

The former employee was sentenced to five years probation, ordered to make \$17,855 in restitution to the government, fined \$2,500 and ordered to pay \$100 in court assessment Feb. 11. He was also ordered to perform 250 hours of community service and placed on curfew from 10 p.m. to 6:30 a.m.

According to the results of the investigation, the employee filed a claim with the Office of Workers' Compensation Program Jan. 21, 1997, reporting he injured his knee tripping over an air hose in his workplace. The employee was placed on the compensation rolls Feb. 18,

1997. He had been on the compensation rolls since that date.

Subsequent investigative efforts revealed the former employee failed to declare earnings associated with a contract trucking company he registered in his spouse's name and in which he actively managed. Additional investigative measures led to the collection of physical and testimonial evidence associated with a Dodge County, Ga., logging company that he was contracting with, which led to his eventual confession.

Submitting a fraudulent claim for compensation, and the fraudulent receipt of Federal Employees' Compensation Act benefits is a serious offense that will be aggressively pursued criminally, no matter where the crime is being committed. Additional civil and administrative actions to seek restitution of illegally obtained government funds will also be pursued in addition to any criminal prosecutions.

To report individuals suspected of receiving benefits fraudulently, call the FECA hotline at 926-3769 or 926-3681. Callers may remain anonymous.

– From staff reports

Their criminal investigations include military and civilian employees, military property thefts, offenses involving contractors, dependents and non-base related personnel.

“It doesn’t matter how busy we get, we are going to prosecute you,” Ms. Dial said. “You are not going to get away because we are overworked. We’re going to make time and that is the difference between here and everywhere else. I won’t let anything go because my calendar or schedule is full or your defense lawyer files motion after motion and keeps me hopping all day long. That’s what I get paid to do.”

Mr. Henderson agreed.

“We don’t want people committing crimes on or off base, but we want everyone to know that we’re working; we’re competent at what we do; and we won’t leave any stone unturned in our investigations.”

Working so closely on cases

has caused a bond of mutual respect to grow between the two.

“Ms. Dial is the best prosecutor I have worked with in my 26 year career,” said Mr. Henderson. “She’s tenacious and she really feels the pain of the victim. A lot of prosecutors take on cases as just another job but she gets tenacious in going after the subjects of her prosecution.”

Ms. Dial has the same respect for him.

“Mark Henderson is the best investigator that I have ever worked with,” she said. “I give his opinions incredible weight. I’m his primary consumer of services and he is my primary provider.”

Sometimes it’s difficult to hear the good news

By Master Sgt. Ricky Fitzgerald
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BALAD AIR BASE, Iraq (AFPN) – Did you hear the good news in Iraq today? My guess is no.

It is no secret that good news is no news, especially when news sells. So who wants to buy good news when you can get bad news for free? Think about it. Is the media to blame? If so, why? The media sells news, the public buys news.

I’ll make it easy for you. I have good news from Iraq, and it’s free!

My name is Ricky Fitzgerald. I’m a master sergeant in the Air Force, and I work as a Combat Camera videographer, stationed at Charleston Air Force Base, S.C. I have a story to tell, but be warned; it may shock you – it’s all good news.

Let me first lay down a little disclaimer and maybe some bias. I love my country, I love our military, and I love the people who serve in it. I have never met finer friends than those I have served with during the past 18 years.

I arrived here in Iraq in early January, just two months ago. Like most members of the military arriving here, I was a little scared, a little disoriented and a little unsure about what was going to happen next and who it was going to happen to. Why wouldn’t I be? I watch the same news you do. I have seen things I would rather not see – sad things, sad people and sad situations that seem to have no end in sight.

My purpose here is not to hide or downplay the obvious: people are dying here every day. Out of respect for our fallen brothers and sisters who selfless-



U.S. Air Force photo by Master Sgt. Mark Bucher
TALLIL AIR BASE, Iraq – Master Sgt. Terry Nelson fits a pair of shoes on a young Bedouin girl during a humanitarian mission here. He is a Public Affairs craftsman from the 388th Fighter Wing at Hill Air Force Base, Utah.

ly laid down their lives for something they believed in, I think the public, especially the families of those who have fallen in this foreign land, deserve to know the truth about what is really going on 90 percent of our time over here. I’m writing this to tell you exactly what I have seen, not what I have watched or read on the news, and not what I have heard in daily briefings.

Are you the one who donated one of the 60 soccer balls we handed out this week? Last week those same kids were kicking a can in the street.

Maybe you contributed one of the 1,160 pairs of shoes that I watched Iraqi children slip into last week. Watching all those children try on shoes for the very first time in their life is beyond any Christmas present opening you

could ever witness.

Or was it you who filled all of those boxes up with school supplies, toys, blankets and stuffed animals for the children? I couldn’t believe it when I walked into the school classrooms – no electricity, no plumbing, not one poster or sign on any wall, not even a pencil or piece of paper. There was just one middle-aged Iraqi teacher trying to

entertain the minds of about 30 little kids in a world where doing something fun involved rocks and sticks.

Are you the American kid who spent all day in class writing thank you letters to American servicemembers you have never even met? Take it from me, your pictures are proudly displayed in almost every American’s office, tent and armored vehicle in Iraq.

Are you the parent, wife, husband, brother, sister or neighbor of the American servicemember who I saw playing with Iraqi children today? Those kids looked up to him like he was the best thing that has ever happened in their lives. I believe he was.

Maybe you know the servicemember who stepped out of his armored vehicle only to be swarmed by Iraqis, both young and old, who wanted nothing more than to hold his hand and walk proudly down the neighborhood street with him. And walk they did; you should have seen it!

I am here to tell all of you the truth. Your toys, your blankets, your drawings and your letters are here in Iraq, and every day you are putting smiles on faces and hope in every Iraqi child’s future.

Will shoes and toys solve the world’s problems? Certainly not, but if you could see what I have seen in the eyes of an Iraqi child, you would know there is hope. And if you could see the strength and determination of the American servicemember here in Iraq, you would know your prayers are working.

News comes in many forms, and a camera’s lens captures it all – good and bad. But today, I give you the good. God bless you all.

Leaders who show zest for life help mold positive outlook

By Maj. David Carlson
52nd Equipment Maintenance Squadron

SPANGDAHLEM AIR BASE, Germany (AFPN) – Recently, I read an article that rated attitude as the No. 1 trait for success among leaders. I have observed that the majority of leaders and mentors I have known throughout my life, who

have helped mold and shape me into the person I am today, radiated a positive attitude.

Each of them may have defined and exemplified success in their lives differently, but what made them so fun, exciting and influential in my life was their zest for life. Their positive attitudes defied the many challenges that they may have had to face and overcome.

Maintaining a positive attitude, despite life’s trials and challenges, is a conscious choice. When I was in college, Dr. Victor Frankl’s book, “Man’s Search for Meaning,” was mandatory reading for one of my classes. In his book, Dr. Frankl described how his attitude and that of other Holocaust survivors helped them survive the Nazi death camps.

Regarding attitude, Dr. Frankl shared the following, “... everything can be taken from a man but one thing: the last of the human freedoms – to choose one’s own attitude in any given set of circumstances, to choose one’s own way.”

If Dr. Frankl and others could control their attitude in the most oppressive of circumstances, how much easier should it be for

us, given so much freedom and opportunity, to “choose our own way” – to choose our attitude.

To obtain and maintain a positive attitude, the first place you need to start is with your very own thoughts. Bottom line: To have a good attitude, you must think about positive things.

Airmen have so much to be thankful for and be positive about. The opportunity to live in

foreign countries, to experience the people, culture, language and traditions; and most importantly, the opportunity to serve the greatest freedom-loving nation on the face of the earth in the most important conflict of our time.

A positive attitude is the key to winning this conflict and any other challenge in life. And a positive attitude starts with you.

Commander’s
Action Line

Col. Greg
Patterson

Commander,
78th Air Base Wing

Action Line is an open door program for Robins Air Force Base personnel to ask questions, make suggestions or give kudos to make Robins a better place to work and live.

Please remember that the most efficient and effective way to resolve a problem or complaint is to directly contact the organization responsible. This gives the organization a chance to help you, as well as a chance to improve their processes.

To contact the Action Line, call 926-2886 day or night, or for quickest response e-mail to one of the following addresses: If sending from a military e-

mail system select, Robins Commanders Action Line from the Global Address List. If sending from a commercial e-mail account (AOL, AT+T, CompuServe, Earthlink, etc.), use action.line@robins.af.mil.

Readers can also access Action Line by visiting the Robins AFB homepage at <https://www.mil.robins.af.mil/actionline.htm>. Please include your name and a way of reaching you so we can provide a direct response.

Action Line items of general interest to the Robins community will be printed in the Rev-Up. Anonymous Action Lines will not be processed.

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Blocking Page Road, three lane entry procedures

I’m trying to understand why Page Road is now being blocked from right hand turns off Richard Ray Boulevard westbound in the morning. For those of us who work on Page Road and enter the base at the MLK gate (Gate 5), it forces us to drive through parking lots or drive significantly out of the way to get to work thereby creating additional congestion on base.

Another concern I have is traffic flow at the main gate (Gate 2). There are three lanes for traffic to enter, and after 6 a.m. there is a guard to direct traffic to the appropriate lane. The problem is that it is being done inefficiently. The guard will direct five or six cars to a lane while one of the lanes is empty and the security guards are stand-

ing idle. If the intent is to move as much traffic through as quickly as possible, then the guard directing traffic needs to ensure that there is a vehicle in front of a security guard at all times. That is not being done.

Commander’s reply: Sorry for the no-notice inconvenience this has caused you. With construction going on around Building 215, we had to allow personnel traveling west on Richard Ray (towards Gate 2) to make a left turn onto Page. By doing that it opened the intersection of Page and Richard Ray Boulevard. For safety purposes we had to block Page Road because people coming through Gate 2 were attempting to turn down Page Road even though there is a sign posted with “No Left Turns from 0500-0800”. In the near future when

Gate 3 (the new main gate) opens, personnel will no longer be able to travel in that area due to the campus barrier plan. You can continue to enter through Gate 5 (MLK gate), turn left onto Byron, turn left on First Street, and then make a left onto Page.

I strongly discourage traveling through parking lots to your destination, as a majority of our accidents on base occur in parking lots.

Finally, I’m sorry to hear that you feel our sentries are not queuing cars to the maximum extent possible. Many factors are involved when queuing cars, including timing the traffic signal just right to allow traffic to flow when the light changes. The safety of our sentries as they process cars is our No. 1 concern, and we will continue to aggressively work the situations causing delays to reduce the impact on the time it takes to process through the base gates.

Remember to slow down

There have been

75

speeding tickets issued
calendar year to date.

How the points add up

Accumulating 12 traffic violation points within a year may cause drivers to lose base driving privileges for up to 6 months. Speeding violation points are based on the number of miles over the posted speed limit.

10 miles =	3 points
11 - 15 miles =	4 points
16 - 20 miles =	5 points
21+ miles =	6 points

Source: AFI 31-204



Airmen Against Drunk Drivers

is a 24-hour-service that provides rides to those who have consumed alcohol and need transportation home.

The program is run by volunteers from across base, and those who use the service aren’t subject to adverse action.

To request a ride, call: 335-5218, 335-5238 and 335-5236.

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Faith for life’s journey theme of national prayer luncheon

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For the chief of the Air Force Chaplain Service, God speaks through the simple, real-life stories of faith and hope found in country music. That’s why the words of the country western classic “Don’t Ever Sell Your Saddle” became the theme for the March 9 Robins National Prayer Luncheon.

Nearly 375 people came to the Museum of Aviation’s Century of Flight hangar to hear Chaplain (Maj. Gen.) Charles Baldwin, the luncheon keynote speaker, and to pray together as a Robins community of faith.

In Chaplain Baldwin’s message, the saddle became a metaphor for faith, and the cowboy’s trail became synonymous with life’s journey. On a trail, he said, a saddle is optional because riders could ride bare-back, but in life, a saddle – faith – is necessary.

Faith is making a difference in the Global War on Terrorism as men and women in and out of uniform are serving with courage and doing “great damage to the forces of evil.” He said World War II gave us the “greatest generation” and that the Global War on Terrorism is giving us “the next greatest generation.”

“The most powerful weapon in their arsenal is faith,” Chaplain Baldwin said, the kind of faith that “can move mountains and part rivers.”



U.S. Air Force photo by Sue Sapp
Lt. Col. David Wille bows during prayer March 9. He was one of nearly 375 who came to the Museum of Aviation to hear Chaplain (Maj. Gen.) Charles Baldwin speak at the luncheon.

He described faith as a gift God gives for the asking. Like cowboys “hop on” and “hang on” to their saddles, those who want to finish life’s ride in style should have faith – hop on – and recognize that “almighty God is our wingman.”

The program for the prayer luncheon, and prayer breakfasts of previous years, included

music, scripture and a prayer for the nation. This year’s partici-

pants were the Air Force Brass Quintet; the Robins Honor Guard; Brig. Gen. Chris Anzalone, Warner Robins Air Logistics Center vice commander; Col. Bruce Curry, 78th Air Base Wing vice commander; Capt. Michael Hall, who sang the national anthem; and members of the chapel staff: Chaplain (Maj.) Bill Burrell, Chaplain (Lt. Col.) Thomas Fey and Chaplain (Capt.) Daniel Kim.

Readings were by Chief Master Sgt. Talib Shareef, Airman First Class Gabriel Scarberry and Col. Larry Eriksen.

Many of the attendees have made the prayer breakfasts and luncheons a tradition.

‘Annual inspiration from the top’

Chief Master Sgt. Jennifer McLear, formerly of the 78th Dental Squadron and new to the Commander’s Action Group staff, described the events as “my annual inspiration from the top.”

“It’s good fellowship and good camaraderie,” she said. “You always need divine intervention in everything you do.”

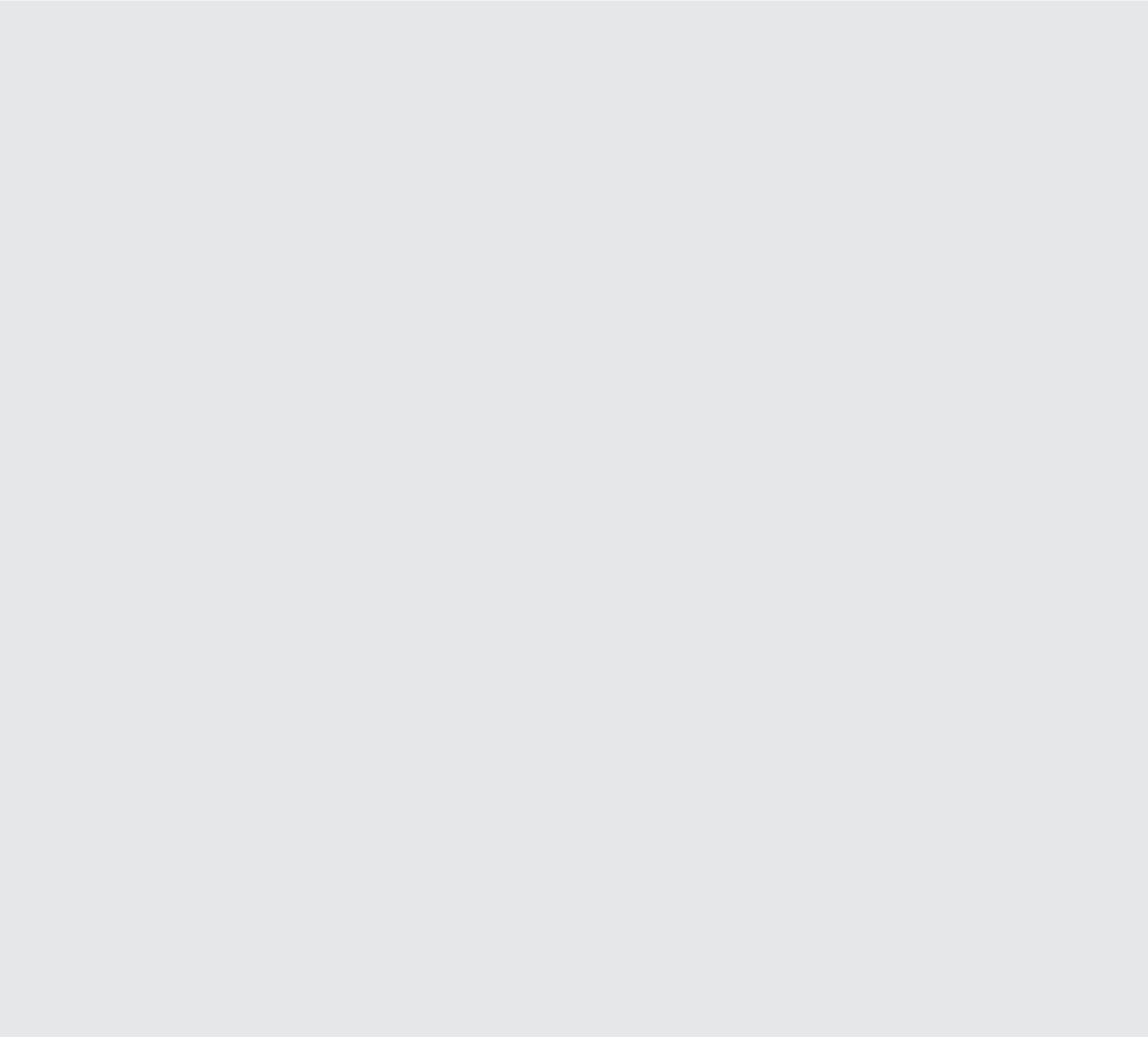
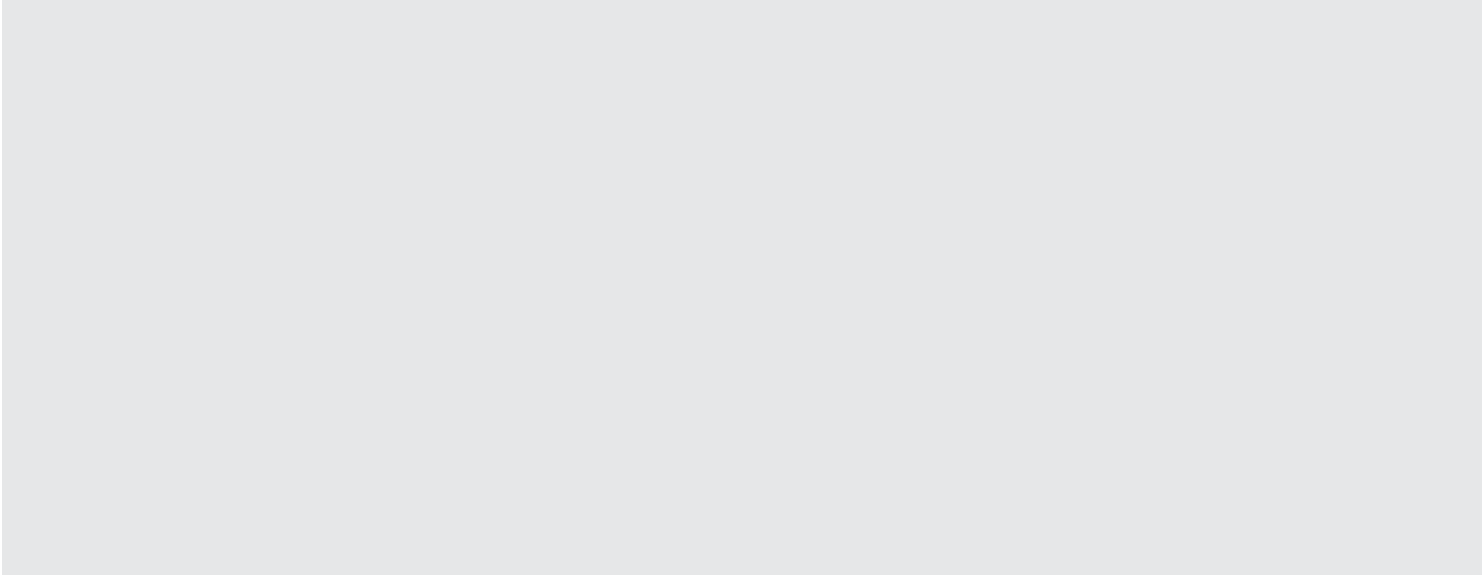
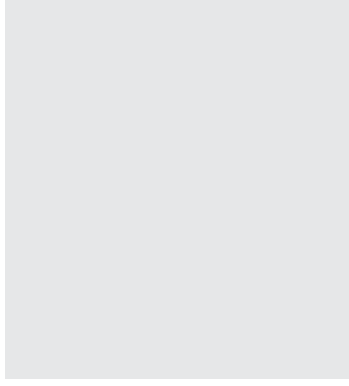
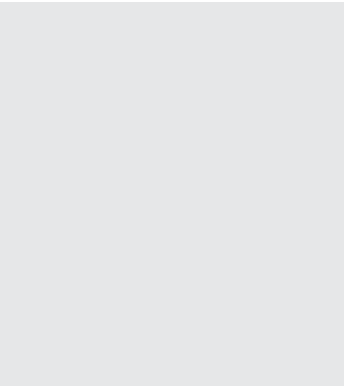
‘Power in united prayer’

Personnel classifier Nelda Bynes described the prayer luncheon as “uplifting,” particularly the “unified prayers going forth for our nation, our troops, and ourselves.”

“There is great power in united prayer,” she said.

‘God and country’

“God and country – that’s why we come,” said Jo Schell, who with five friends has made the prayer luncheon their tradition. The group, which comes together frequently for fun and fellowship, includes Fran Piotrowski, Audrey Eakes, Eunice Eppler, Marie Murphy and Lorayne Hotte.



339th Flight Test Squadron, Base Legal Office explain importance of sonic booms

By Holly L. Birchfield
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A sonic boom – a sound many Middle Georgians are familiar with – is a thunder that many would like to soften.

But, Lt. Col. Kevin Coleman, 339th FTS director of operations and chief test pilot for the Boeing F-15, said the sounds should make Middle Georgia proud.

Lt. Col. Fritz Heck, 339th FTS F-15 test pilot and assistant director of operations agreed and said sonic booms are evidence of a job well done.

“Basically, you get the boom when the air-plane is pushing air out in front of the jet, cre-ating a shockwave, where the air cannot col-lapse in behind the plane to fill the void,” Colonel Coleman said. “Sonic booms vary in intensity, depending on weather conditions – temperature being a primary one.”

According to the colonel, sonic booms make a softer sound on hot, hazy days, while clear, cold winter days allow for a louder boom.

“The mach run is an integral part of the functional check flight that we do,” Colonel Heck said. “The goal is to take a plane that has been through programmed depot main-tenance and get it back to the war fighter. Bottom line, without taking the plane super sonic, we can’t know what the plane can do.”

Pilots conduct more than 400 functional test flights each year using a 100-mile east to west route that spans the Middle Georgia area to keep aircraft close to home in case an in-flight emergency calls for a quick return to base.

While the loud sound is a momentary price to pay for a business that has lasting positive impact on the Middle Georgia



U.S. Air Force file photo by Sue Sapp

An F-15 takes off at Robins to perform a functional check flight.

What to know

A sonic boom is the sound that occurs when an airplane travels faster than the speed of sound, about 600 nautical miles per hour at sea level. Those who wish to make a sonic boom complaint may contact the 78th Air Base Wing Public Affairs Office at 926-2137. Complaints involving damage claims are forwarded to the Base Legal Office for investigation and processing.



Lt. Col. Kevin Coleman is the 339th FTS director of operations and chief test pilot for the Boeing F-15.

economy, some in the surrounding area claim the booms cause extensive damage to their homes – claims that Jasmine Ellis, a claims officer with the 78th Air Base Wing Staff Judge Advocate Office, handles on a frequent basis.

“The complaint process starts with the 78th Air Base Wing Public Affairs Office,” she said. “If a person wants to claim damage as a result of a sonic boom, public affairs will forward his or her complaint to the claims office.

“Then,” she added, “we send them a letter explaining the process for filing a claim and what documentation is needed to support the claim. That includes witness statements and the dollar amount of the damage the person wishes to claim.”

Upon receiving claims forms, Ms. Ellis and base civil engineers conduct a thorough inspection of the alleged damage to deter-mine the validity of the claim and if a sonic boom was to blame.

“This process is nothing more than veri-fication that there was a sonic boom at the par-ticular time they’re claiming damage hap-pened,” she said, “and we must verify that there was actual damage that occurred. This is very similar to what insurance companies do.”

Ms. Ellis, who has worked as a claims officer for Robins since 1977, said while all claim reports are investigated, very little damage is caused by sonic booms occurring at the 339th FTS’ flights of about 43,000 feet.

“At those heights, we’ve had some glass break, but people need to know that most sonic booms will not crack plaster or cause structural damage,” she said. “If any damage were to occur as a result of a sonic boom, it most likely will happen in other homes in the area as well.”

Ms. Ellis said monetary compensation for valid claims is processed through the Air Force’s Defense Finance and Accounting Service and direct-deposited into the claimant’s personal bank account.

Robins AFAF campaign raises \$13,714 in first week

Center Office of Public Affairs

The Robins Air Force Assistance Fund effort raised \$13,714 in the first week of the six week campaign that raises money for four Air Force-sup-ported charities.

The base’s goal for this year’s campaign is \$90,775.

“We’re off to a great start in many of our units,” said Lt. Col. Mike Pierson, the Robins AFAF installation project officer. “Some units got off to a slow start due to mission require-ments, but I think we’re well on our way.”

Unit key workers have all the materials and information for this year’s campaign and should be personally contacting all military members soon, Colonel Pierson said.

On the Web

Information about the campaign and the charities supported by it is also avail-able at <https://wwwmil.robins.af.mil/>. A list of unit key work-ers is also available on that Web site.

Even though key workers will only canvas military personnel, anyone can give to the campaign.

“Civilians, contractors and community groups all have an interest in taking care of the Airmen and their families of

today and yesterday; so we wel-come gifts from everyone,” the lieutenant colonel said.

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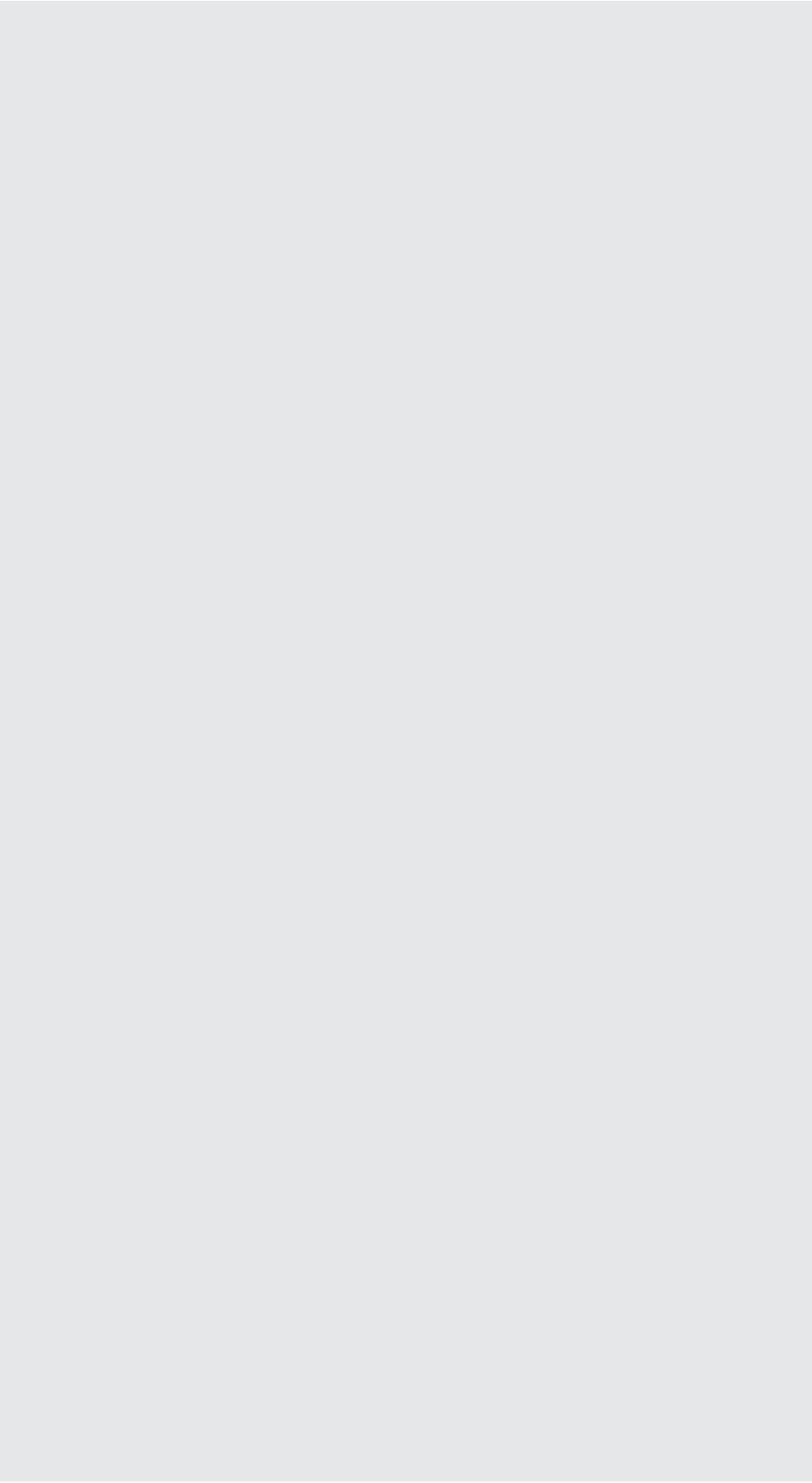
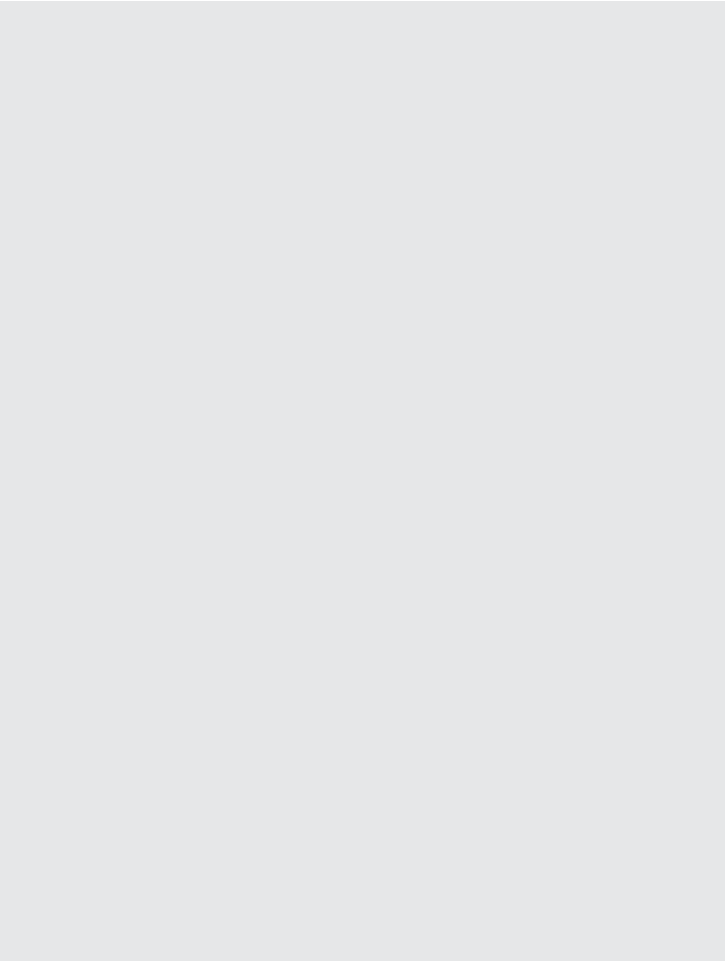
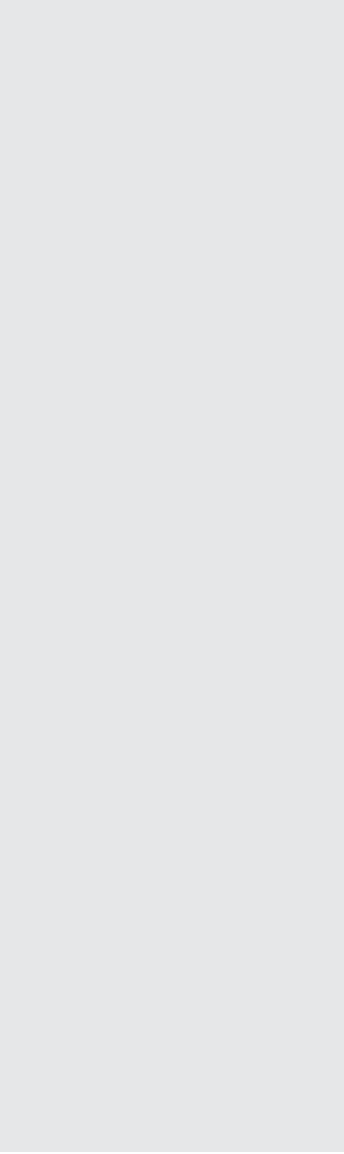
An electronic version of the campaign contribution form can be found at www.afassistancefund.org.

“You can fill out the AFAF form on your computer, print it out and give it to your key work-er along with your contribution,”

Colonel Pierson said.

The AFAF campaign raises money each year for the Air Force Aid Society, The Air Force Village Indigent Widow’s Fund, The Air Force Enlisted Village Indigent Widow’s Fund, and the General and Mrs. Curtis E. LeMay Foundation.

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Team Robins participates in Defense Department, AEF exercises

By Lanorris Askew

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A Defense Department-wide Joint Chiefs of Staff exercise meant to test command and control and crisis-action planning procedures, has given Robins the opportunity to test its ability to deploy, survive and operate in the field.

According to Col. Kevin Foley, Center inspector general, Department of Defense's exercise, known as Positive Force 05, and the local field training known as Team Robins 05 or TR05 are somewhat integrated, but also separate.

Above and beyond

While no field training activities like actual deployments, parts surge or aircraft acceleration were mandated for PF05, Robins took the opportunity to include such activities to support local training needs for upcoming deployments.

"We had a requirement for an Aerospace Expeditionary Forces exercise to certify the readiness of our forces that are set to deploy in AEFs 5 and 6 at the first of May," said the colonel.

To prepare the soon to deploy troops, TR05 was designed. The two phase exercise took troops from the mobility line to the front lines as they set up a fictitious camp in Korea, to demonstrate wartime skills such as the ability to survive and operate, alarm conditions, chemical and biological scenarios and how to wear Mission Oriented Protective Posture gear.

On Monday and a half of Tuesday, 213 Airmen were processed through the mobility line. Tuesday afternoon those troops received an in-country briefing, telling them what to do and what not to do in their deployed country. Wednesday – which Colonel Foley referred to as transition day – included convoying and the deploying about 110 short tons of cargo to the "base" where they joined another 180 personnel already deployed. Combat operations began Thursday. The exercise ends today.

"The exercise is designed to measure the overall effectiveness of our troops to perform their technical skills as well as their ability to survive in a combat environment," said Col. Silvia Anderson, 78th Mission Support Group commander.

Preparing for the future

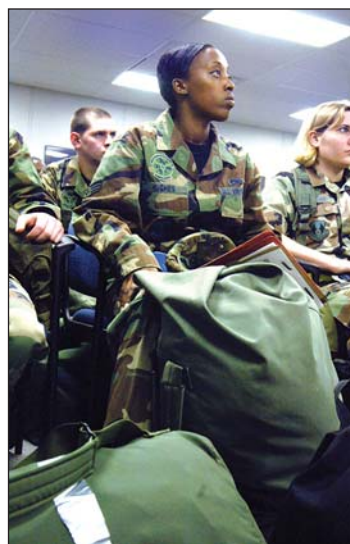
Although training to survive and operate is a big part of field training exercises, PF05 parts A and B also helped prepare others at Robins.

"During both phases from a large ALC perspective we are exercising our ability to respond to the acceleration of maintenance work, to surge of acquisition, tests and other war time materiel support," said Colonel Foley.

The inspector general said the main objectives for TR05 were to make sure that the troops who are truly tasked to



U.S. Air Force photos by Sue Sapp



Above, clockwise from top left, 1st Lt. Ann Walsh, 2nd Lt. Nicole Romer and 2nd Lt. Steve Toeppen gear up for the exercise Wednesday. Left, Lt. Col. Rebecca Seese makes some adjustments to her gas mask. Far left, Senior Airman Rachel Hughes, 78th Logistics Readiness Squadron, listens to briefings during a simulated mobility process Monday.

deploy soon are ready to go. That includes having the skills and the documentation they

need, which was verified in the processing phase on Monday. "We put them all through the

mobility line to put a critical eye on records, the field portion helps prepare them for things

like self aid and buddy care and gives them the best opportunity to survive if in combat," he said.



Two Airmen crouch in a concrete shelter used during the exercise Wednesday.



Airman 1st Class Leonardo Rodriguez, from the 78th Civil Engineer Squadron, stacks sandbags around a water source.

Background

The Team Robins 05 exercise was preceded by a Full Spectrum Threat Response tabletop exercise, which occurred March 10. The natural disaster response scenario involved a tornado striking the flight line and causing infrastructure damage and some casualties. The FSTR was part of Part A of the Positive Force 05 exercise.

The second objective was to let the Center's business side test its skill and look at how they respond to increases in pace or new requirements, while objective number three was a test for the new wings.

"Since this is the first large scale mobility exercise since the operational readiness inspection, and since the command and control structure has changed with the addition of new wings, groups and squadrons, (the exercise) served as a way to ensure the lines of communication are working and everyone is up to speed," he said.

Colonel Anderson agreed.

"We have a lot of new players who have not gone through this level of training before," she said. "We will be doing a lot of training and a lot of education. The ultimate goal is that when we complete the exercise, our personnel are able to safely accomplish the mission during their deployment and return home safely."

Back at camp

As the rain continued to fall and the camp began to take shape on Wednesday, Colonel Anderson had high expectations.

"Things are going very well," she said. "The establishment of the camp is coming along. The folks are very excited; the morale is high, and we're looking forward to a very successful exercise."

Second Lt. Steve Toeppen of the 78th Civil Engineering Group agreed.

"This is my first exercise of this kind, but I think it's a valuable tool for preparing us for real world contingencies," he said. "Things are going along smoothly under these wonderful weather conditions. All of the different organizations are doing their things and connecting the pieces of the puzzle and getting it all connected to the bigger picture for the exercise."

2005 FEDERAL HOLIDAYS

Federal law (5 U.S.C. 6103) establishes the following public holidays for federal employees. Please note that most federal employees work on a Monday through Friday schedule. For these employees, when a holiday falls on a nonworkday – Saturday or Sunday – the holiday usually is observed on Monday (if the holiday falls on Sunday) or Friday (if the holiday falls on Saturday).

MAY	JULY	SEPT	OCT	NOV	DEC	
Monday, May 30: Memorial Day	Monday, July 4: Independence Day	Monday, Sept. 5: Labor Day	Monday, Oct. 10: Columbus Day	Friday, Nov. 11: Veterans Day Thursday, Nov. 24: Thanksgiving Day	Monday, Dec. 26: Christmas Day	<div>⎵</div> <div>MARCH, APRIL, JUNE, AUGUST</div> <div>no federal holiday</div> <div>⏏</div>

SERVICES BRIEFS

Auto Skills Center

The Auto Skills Center safety and orientation classes are now held every Saturday at 11 a.m. Safety classes will continue to be held every Wednesday at 6 p.m. Safety and orientation class participants will receive a graduation coupon to redeem for half off on the oil change lift, (number 3 stall). The oil change lift, stall number 3 fees, will be half off Wednesdays - Fridays from noon to 3 p.m. The Auto Skills Center is open Wednesdays and Thursdays, from noon - 9 p.m.; Fridays noon to 6 p.m.; Saturdays, 8 a.m. - 5 p.m.; and Sundays, 10 a.m. - 5 p.m. and is open to all active duty, reserve and retired military and their family members and DoD civilians serving Robins.

Child Development Centers East and West

Kite day will be held at the centers 3 - 4 p.m. today.

In recognition of the month of the young child, the Children’s Health Fair will be held April 1 from 11 a.m. - 1 p.m. in the Smith Community Center. Booths with information on kid-friendly equipment, nutrition, substance abuse, drug and crime prevention, dental care, Tricare and other children’s health issues will be available.

Club membership

You could win a \$500 or \$1,000 vacation travel voucher to help finance your next vacation when you join the Robins Aero Club, Enlisted Club, Officers’ Club, or become an annual green fee player at Pine Oaks Golf Course now through April 30, 2005, during the “Members Wanted – It’s Where You Want to Be!” club drive. Current club members have a chance of winning these prizes too. The aero club, enlisted



U.S. Air Force photo by Sue Sapp

Grillzilla, a.k.a. John King, base restaurant manager, goes ape at the main gate to let patrons know that Steak Day is back on Thursdays at the restaurant. If you mention you saw the gorilla, you will receive 10 percent off the cost of the \$5.95 meal.

club, officers’ club and the golf course are open to all Department of Defense employees serving Robins, as well as active duty, Reserve, and retired military and DoD civilians. All new club members will receive a coupon booklet valued at more than \$100 to include free steak dinner, free bowling and golf, discounts at equipment rental and more. For more information, call the officers’ club at 926-2670, the enlisted club at 926-4515, the aero club at 926-4867 or the golf course at 926-4103.

Enlisted Club

Play Double Up Bingo March 31. All regular games pay double with a \$1,000 game to go. Does not include special or jackpot games.

A Texas Hold ‘Em tournament will be held March 27 with a practice and warm-up session from 2 - 2:45 p.m., sign-ups starting at 2:45 p.m.

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Family Child Care

Monthly FCC provider training will be held 9 a.m. - 2 p.m. Saturday at the community center. Topics will include fire safety, health and sanitation, nutrition, positive guidance and child abuse reporting and prevention.

Information, Tickets and Travel

ITT has tickets to the Macon Southern Pro Bull Riders Rodeo. The rodeos will be held at 7:30 p.m. April 1 and 2 at the Shrine Park in Macon. Tickets cost \$11 for adults and \$5.50 for children

10 and younger.

ITT has tickets available to “Movin’ Out” April 2 at 2 p.m. for \$59 until Monday. This production will be held at the Fox Theatre, Atlanta.

Tickets are available until March 25 for the Busch Diamond Hill Plywood and Nextel Dodge Charger 500 May 6 and 7 at the Darlington Raceway, Darlington, S.C. Cost is \$55 - \$105 per person based on seating preference and includes both races.

Officers’ Club

A super seafood buffet will be offered today starting at 6 p.m. Cost is \$14.95.

A post-exercise Boss N’ Buddy night will be held Wednesday at 4 p.m. at the Wellston. Members are invited to enjoy free tacos, wings and beverage specials. A trivia contest will be held with a

prize given for the unit with the most participating members.

Easter Sunday brunch will be held from 10:30 a.m. - 2 p.m. March 27. Easter candy will be given to the children.

Skills Development Center

The skills development center will hold classes in acrylic painting Tuesday and March 29 from 10 a.m. - noon, cost is \$12.50; landscapes in oil (evenings) Tuesday and March 29 from 6 - 8 p.m., cost is \$12.50; landscapes in oil (day-time) Thursday and March 31 from 10 a.m. - noon, cost is \$12.50; scroll saw Tuesday from 6 - 8 p.m., cost is \$10; watercolor animals Monday and March 28 from noon - 2 p.m., cost is \$10; calligraphy Thursday and March 31 from 10 - 11 a.m., cost is \$10; scratch board art Monday and March 28 at 11:30 a.m., cost is \$10; sewing Wednesday and March 30 from 10 - 11 a.m., cost is \$10; wood shop equipment, hand and table routers and all sanders Tuesday at 6 p.m. Registration and payment is required for all classes. Class space is limited. All classes are subject to change and do not include supply and equipment costs. For more information, call 926-5282.

Teen Center

The Air Force Space Camp will be held July 31 - Aug. 5 at the United States Space and Rocket Center in Huntsville, Ala. Applications are available at the youth or teen centers for kids ages 12-18. The deadline for applications and letters is Tuesday. This program is open to family members of active duty and retired military, DoD civilians and active duty Air National Guard and reserve members. For more information, call 926-5601.

MOVIE SCHEDULE

Adult tickets are \$3.50; children (11 years old and younger) tickets are \$2. For more information, call the Base Theater at 926-2919.

Today 7:30 p.m. – Boogeyman – Barry Watson and Emily Deschanel

Tim is a man who is still haunted by traumatic memories of his past, many linked to the death of his father.

Rated PG-13 (intense sequences of horror and terror/violence, and some partial nudity) 86 minutes

Saturday 2 p.m. – Pooh’s Heffalump Movie – Animated

The residents of the Hundred Acre Wood try to catch the terrifying Heffalumps, who have come into the forest.

Rated G (General Audience) 68 minutes

7:30 p.m. – Are We There Yet? – Ice Cube and Nia Long

Nick, a smooth operator, is trying to land a date with Suzanne. Problem is Suzanne, a divorcee, is stuck working in Vancouver and miserable because she misses her kids.

Rated PG (language and rude humor) 95 minutes

COMING SOON

March 25 – The Aviator – Leonardo DiCaprio and Cate Blanchett

March 26 – Son of the Mask – Jamie Kennedy and Alan Cumming

March 26 – The Passion of the Christ – Jim Caviezel and Maia Morgenstern

April 1 – Hitch – Will Smith and Eva Mendes

April 2 – Sahara – Matthew McConaughey, Steve Zahn and Penelope Cruz

April 2 – Constantine – Keanu Reeves and Rachel Weisz

CHAPEL SERVICES

Catholic

Catholic masses are held at the chapel each Saturday at 5:30 p.m., Sunday at 9:30 a.m., on Holy Days of Obligation at noon and at a 5 p.m. vigil the day before, and Monday through Friday at noon. The Sacrament of Reconciliation is Saturday from 4:30-5:15 p.m.

Islamic

Islamic Friday Prayer (Jumuah) is Fridays at 2 p.m. in the chapel annex rooms 1 and 2.

Jewish

Jewish service is Fridays at 6:15 p.m. at the Macon synagogue.

Orthodox Christian

St. Innocent Orthodox Church service is at the chapel on the second Tuesday of each month at 5 p.m.

Protestant

General services take place Sundays at 11 a.m. The service includes some traditional and contemporary worship styles in music and format. Protestant inspirational services take place Sundays at 8 a.m. Contemporary services take place 11 a.m. Sundays at the Base Theater. This service is informal and includes traditional and contemporary styles of music and worship.

The chapel helps with spiritual needs that arise. For further information, call the chapel at 926-2821.

FAMILY SUPPORT CENTER

Family Support Center sponsored classes, workshops, and seminars are open to all Team Robins personnel. For more information or to make a reservation, call 926-1256.

Sponsorship training

The FSC will offer training for beginner and experienced sponsors Thursday, 2 - 3:30 p.m., Building 945, FSC annex. The training includes information on what to send to the PCSing member and where to obtain it, and different ways to communicate with the inbound member.

Financial workshop

The Consumer Credit Counseling Service of Middle Georgia, a nonprofit organization funded by the United Way, will conduct a free “Money and Credit Management” workshop March 25, 1 - 4 p.m., Building 905, room 127. A comprehensive workbook will be provided, and information on credit management, debt reduction and consumer rights will be presented. This workshop is open to

all Team Robins members.

Deployed Families Night Out

There will be a Deployed Families Night Out at Stevi B’s Pizza, 2907 Watson Blvd., Warner Robins, at 6:30 p.m. March 29. Cost is free to family members of deployed spouses. You must pre-register with the Family Support Center by noon March 25. To sign-up or for more information, call 926-3453. No federal endorsement is implied.

Relocation assistance

Relocation Assistance at the FSC has videos on many Air Force installations around the world available for check-out. A Standard Installation Topic Exchange Service (SITES) that has information on all military installations worldwide is also available. For more information, contact Relocation Assistance at 926-3453.

Pre-deployment briefings

Pre-deployment briefings are offered

twice weekly by the FSC readiness team. Briefings are conducted at 9 a.m., Mondays and Fridays in Building 945, FSC annex. For more information, call 926-3453.

Job fair

The FSC and Georgia Department of Labor will host a job fair May 20, from 10 a.m. - 3 p.m., at the Museum of Aviation, Century of Flight Hangar. More than 50 employers are expected to attend. The fair is open to veterans, Team Robins members, eligible family members, and the Middle Georgia community. Bring your resume and come dressed to interview.

Career focus

Career Focus provides ways for military spouses and family members, and displaced DoD civilians to identify skills and interest, plan careers, improve job search skills, and increase opportunities for employment or a career change. For more information about career concerns or to schedule an

appointment, call 926-1256.

Car care program

The Car Care Because We Care program is open to active duty Air Force spouses when the military member deploys on assignment for more than 30 days. Additionally, spouses of active duty Air Force members serving remote tours overseas are now eligible to use this program. Spouses may receive two certificates during the yearlong assignment. This program allows the spouse to take the primary family vehicle to the Base Service Station for free oil and filter change, (\$20 value), chassis lubrication and a safety inspection. Certificates are issued to the spouse at the Family Support Center after verification of the member’s remote tour, TDY/deployment. If the safety inspection at the service station reveals safety concerns, the spouse may approach the Air Force Aid Society office to apply for an interest-free loan.

To receive the certificate, bring a copy of member’s orders by the FSC.

SPORTS BRIEFS

Bowling Center

Wear your favorite college basketball apparel during March Madness and pay \$1.50 per game, as long as your team stays in the tournament.

Fitness Center

Letters of intent for golf are due April 1 at the fitness center.

Golf Course

An annual green fee membership will be held Thursday at 6 p.m. Cost is \$15 per person. Enjoy a putting

and chipping contests, dinner, prizes and envelope sale. For more information, call 926-4103.

Pine Oaks Golf Course has Friday dates open for tournaments. This par-71 course features four sets of tees to challenge golfers of all skills levels. Open dates for Friday tournaments include the following: March 25, April 8 and 15, May 13, July 8, Aug. 5, 12 and 19, Sept. 16, Oct. 28 and Nov. 4, 11, 18 and 25. To plan a fun and successful golf tournament,

please call Dave Semmel at 926-4103.

Link Up 2 Golf offers participants over \$300 in savings for \$99 per person. The program includes eight hours of instruction, complimentary club rental, free shirt and ball mark repair tool. Link Up 2 Golf will conclude with a three-hole graduation scramble. Register now for the Tuesday class.

An after school golf program is scheduled for Tuesday through

Thursday from 4:30 - 6 p.m. for 7 to 9 year olds. Classes are limited to six students per class. Additional classes for other age groups will start in April. Cost is \$50 per student.

A spring break junior golf clinic will be held March 28 - 31. Times are 8:30 - 10 a.m. for 7 to 9 year olds, 10:30 am. - noon for 10 to 12 year olds and 1 - 2:30 p.m. for 13 year olds and older. Cost is \$60 per student. For more information, call 926-4103.

ROBINS BULLETIN BOARD

To have an item listed in the bulletin board, send it to Angela Trunzo at angela.trunzo@robins.af.mil by 4 p.m. Monday prior to the Friday of intended publication.

AFSA meeting

There will be a general membership meeting Tuesday at 3 p.m. at the Robins Enlisted Club - East Wing for the Air Force Sergeants Association. The upcoming convention and election of new officers will be discussed. If anyone wants to join, contact Master Sgt. Kevin Swogger at 926-5820 extension 101.

Historic Forest Ceremony

Environmental Management will host the Historic Forest Ceremony April 22 at 9 a.m. at the Parade Field. If an individual or organization would like to memorialize, contact Marilyn DeMetrick at 926-1197 extension 174. Trees need to be ordered no later than April 8.

Scholarship award

The Carl Vinson Chapter of the Air Force Association is now accepting applications for the Sherrill Stafford Leadership Development Award and Memorial Scholarship. The scholarship can be used to defray education expenses as well as tuition. The deadline for applications is May 1. All interested applicants should contact the Base Education Office at 327-7325.

Camellia Gardens Memorial Service

The annual Camellia Gardens Memorial Service that pays tribute to deceased members of Team Robins will take place May 26 at 10 a.m. in the garden across from the Officers' Club. Diane Gross, project officer, will accept submissions for people to be memorialized this year until April 22. Honorees can be civilian or military members. For information about the ceremony or how to honor someone, contact Ms. Gross at 926-6203 or diane.gross@robins.af.mil.

Host families needed

Youth for Understanding (YFU) is seeking host families for exchange students for the 2005-2006 school year. The exchange students speak English, have medical insurance, and an avid interest in the American way of life. Volunteer host parents or families provide a place to sleep, three meals a day, and a willingness to introduce the students to America. Students who wish to study abroad in one of the 55 countries that YFU has exchange privileges with are also needed. For more information, contact Tina or Allen Meyers at 953-4576.

Tax center

The tax center is open on a walk-in basis Mondays through Thursdays. Sign up begins at 11:30 a.m. The tax center is located in Building 905 on the second floor of the library. For more information, call 926-2391/2635.

Civil Air Patrol

The Civil Air Patrol is looking for volunteers from the Robins community. Membership is open to citizens age 18 and older, and we have a cadet program for kids age 12-18. The Middle Georgia Squadron meets Tuesdays at the Middle Georgia Regional Airport in the ASA training building from 7-9 p.m. To find out more, go to www.capnhq.gov, or contact Todd Engelman at 213-4569 or PlaneFlyr@bellsouth.net.

Firing range reminder

The 78th Security Forces Squadron conducts live fire training at the base firing range, located on the northeast side of the base, adjacent to the horse stables. The firing ranges are off-limits to all persons, unless scheduled for training or official business. Nearby housing resi-

dents should warn children of the hazards of playing near the area. The ranges are clearly marked with signs and red flags during weapons firing. Also, night firing is conducted throughout the year.

If you have any questions or concerns, call the 78th SFS Combat Arms section at 926-5031.

Company Grade Officers Association

The Company Grade Officers Association helps young officers to broaden or

establish a network, develop career opportunities, make new friends, form a social network and get involved in the community. For more information, visit https://wwwmil.robins.af.mil/cg_oa or call 1st Lt. Allison Guillaume at 327-2659 or 2nd Lt. Niklaus Pleisch at 222-2320.

Legal assistance

The Base Legal Assistance Office wants to enhance the convenience of Active duty, activated reserves and guardsmen, retirees and their dependents who need legal assistance.

To consult an attorney, appointments are scheduled for Tuesdays and Thursdays. Powers of attorney and notaries are done on a walk-in basis, 8 a.m. to noon and 1 to 4 p.m., Mondays through Fridays. The Base Legal Assistance Office is located in Building 215, Suite 178, at the north entrance. Eligible persons who need legal assistance are encouraged to call Stephanie Wynne at 926-3961, extension 111.

Boy Scout Troop 220

Boy Scout Troop 220 meets

every Tuesday night from 7 to 8:30 at 1082 Hawkinsville St. For more information, call James Tingerthal at 929-4871 or Dennis Collier at 953-8124.

Girl Scouts needed

Girl Scouts of Robins is looking for girls interested in scouts and is in need of leaders and co-leaders. The troops meet on base. If interested, contact Ginny Luther at (800) 868-4475 extension 133.

Robins Thrift Shop

The Thrift Shop is taking

donations on consignment. The shop is located on Page Road, Building 288, just inside gate 5. Store hours are 10 a.m. to 1 p.m. Wednesdays, Fridays and Saturdays.

Also, the shop is looking for volunteers to fill various positions. If you have any questions, call 923-1686.

Museum volunteers

The Museum of Aviation is recruiting adult volunteers who enjoy meeting people. For more information, call Dan Hart, volunteer coordinator, at 926-6870.

Tech expo showcases gadgets



U.S. Air Force photos by Sue Sapp

More than 20 exhibitors demonstrated the latest in data protection, knowledge management and internet applications at Robins Technology Expo March 9 at the Officers' Club ballroom.

Above, Doug Cowan, Ensil sales representative, talks with Dat Le. Below, Verizon Wireless displays some of their products at the expo.



Jim Shuman, Southern Business Communications account executive, demonstrates a video camera.

